

Jason Leopold

Jason Leopold is an investigative reporter for VICE News where he covers national security, counterterrorism, civil liberties and other issues. His aggressive use of the Freedom of Information Act includes suing the FBI and Department of Defense and forcing those agencies to change its policies. Leopold's Freedom of Information Act work has been cited by the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals, profiled by the Society of Professional Journalists, the American Journalism Review and was the subject of a feature story by Medium. In 2014, Leopold was singled out in a report as the journalist who filed more Freedom of Information Act lawsuits against the US government that year than all other news organizations combined. For VICE News in 2014, Leopold succeeded in forcing the National Security Agency for the first time to release all of the financial disclosure forms of its top officials, which the agency had argued was exempt from disclosure, and prying loose the highly-classified Department of Justice legal memo granting the CIA the authority to kill a US citizen abroad.